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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum) 4505/WO/97+

Box No. I **TITLE OF INVENTION**
WATER TREATMENT METHOD AND DEVICE

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Box No. V DESIGNATION OF STATES

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a) (mark the applicable check-boxes; at least one must be marked):

Regional Patent

AP ARIPO Patent: GH Ghana, GM Gambia, KE Kenya, LS Lesotho, MW Malawi, SD Sudan, SZ Swaziland, UG Uganda, ZW Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT

EA Eurasian Patent: AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BY Belarus, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakhstan, MD Republic of Moldova, RU Russian Federation, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT

EP European Patent: AT Austria, BE Belgium, CH and LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein, CY Cyprus, DE Germany, DK Denmark, ES Spain, FI Finland, FR France, GB United Kingdom, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, LU Luxembourg, MC Monaco, NL Netherlands, PT Portugal, SE Sweden, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT

OA OAPI Patent: BF Burkina Faso, BJ Benin, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, GA Gabon, GN Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, ML Mali, MR Mauritania, NE Niger, SN Senegal, TD Chad, TG Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)

National Patent (If other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line):

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Check-boxes reserved for designating States (for the purposes of a national patent) which have become party to the PCT after issuance of this sheet:

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Precautionary Designation Statement: In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all other designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) indicated in the Supplemental Box as being excluded from the scope of this statement. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying that designation and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. Confirmation must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)

See Notes to the request form

Supplemental Box *If the supplemental Box is not used, this sheet need not be included in the request.*

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Country (in which, or for which the application was filed)	Filing Date (day/month/year)	Application No.	Office of filing (only for regional or international application)
item(1) IL	01 October 1997 (01.10.97)	121880	
item(2)			
item(3)			

Mark the following check-box if the certified copy of the earlier application is to be issued by the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office (a fee may be required):

The receiving Office is hereby requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s): (1)

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA / EP

Earlier Search Fill in where a search (international, international-type or other) by the International Searching Authority has already been carried out or requested and the Authority is now requested to base the international search, to the extent possible, on the results of that earlier search. Identify such search or request either by reference to the relevant application (or the translation thereof) or by reference to the search request:

Country (or regional Office): Date (day/month/year): Number:

Box No. VIII CHECK LIST

This international application contains the following number of sheets:

1. request : 4 sheets
2. description : 12 sheets
3. claims : 3 sheets
4. abstract : 1 sheets
5. drawings: 1 sheets

Total : 21 sheets

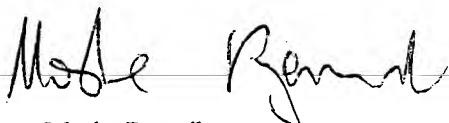
This International application is accompanied

1. <input type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney	5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney	6. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganisms
3. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature	7. <input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing (diskette)
4. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):	8. <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Figure No. of the drawings (if any) should accompany the abstract when it is published.

Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request)



Moshe Pyernik

1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:

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3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:

2. Drawings:

received:

4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):

not received:

5. International Searching Authority specified by the applicant:

ISA/



6. Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid

Date of receipt of the record

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 4505/WO/97+	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/IL98/00453	International filing date (day/month/year) 17/09/1998	Priority date (day/month/year) 01/10/1997
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C02F1/46		
Applicant ITZHAK, David et al.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		

Date of submission of the demand 26/04/1999	Date of completion of this report 21.01.00
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/IL98/00453

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.):

Description, pages:

1-12 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-20 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:

the claims, Nos.:

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/IL98/00453

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 6,8,9,11,12,14,19,20
	No:	Claims 1,2,3,4,5,7,10,13,15,16,17,18
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-20
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-20
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 US-A-4048030
D2 EP-A-175123
D3 US-A-4384943

1. The claimed subject-matter **as far as the present text can be understood (because of the unclarity objections - cf. item VIII)** does not seem novel or involving an inventive step for the followings:
 - 1.1 It **seems** that the subject-matter of independent claims 1 and 10 is already known at least from the disclosures of D1 (cf. column 2, line 21 to column 8, line 68) or D2 (cf. claim1; page 3, line 16 to page 7, line 4 and page 8, lines 9-11) or from D3 (cf. column 1, line 7 to column 9, line 57).Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1 and 10 does not **seem** novel.
 2. The features of dependent claims 2, 3, 7, 16, 17 and 18 **seem** to be known from D1 (cf. column 2, line 21 to column 8, line 68). The features of dependent claims 4 and 5 **seem** to be known from D2 (cf. claim1; page 3, line 16 to page 7, line 4 and page 8, lines 9-11). The features of dependent claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 13, 15 and 18 **seem** to be known from D3 (cf. column 1, line 7 to column 9, line 57).Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18 does not **seem** to be novel.
 3. Dependent claims 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 19 do not **seem** to contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of an inventive step, because they are in no way surprising.
 4. The cooling tower apparatus comprising a cooling tower and an electrolytic cell operated by a direct current source defined in claim 20 seems to be not disclosed

in any of the cited documents. However, the use of an electrolytic cell operated by a direct current source in a cooling tower seems to be in no way surprising taking into account the disclosure of D1, D2 or D3. Therefore, the subject matter of claim 20 does not appear to involve an inventive step.

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

1. The units of measure "inch" employed on pages 8 and 9 is not additionally expressed in terms of the units stipulated by Rule 10.1/(a)/and/(b) PCT.
2. The expression "1A/5m³/hour" on page 3 does not seem to be clear.
3. The vague and imprecise statement in the description on page 12, last paragraph (spirit of the invention) implies that the subject-matter for which protection is sought may be different to that defined by the claims, thereby resulting in lack of clarity (Article 6 PCT) when used to interpret them (see also the PCT Guidelines, PCT/GL/3 III, 4.3a).

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

1. Claims 1, 2, 10 and 20 **do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT** in that the matter for which protection is sought is **not clearly defined**. The claims attempt to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved: in claim 1 "the magnitude of the electrical direct current and the flow-rate of the liquid is such that"; in claim 2 "the current is such..."; in claim 10 "being adapted to..."; in claim 20 "the cooling tower being adapted to...".
The technical features necessary for achieving this results being not disclosed in the claims, **the claimed subject-matter cannot be differentiated from the cited prior art**.
2. The feature "having conductivity" in the apparatus claim 20 relates to a

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International application No. PCT/IL98/00453

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method of using the apparatus rather than clearly defining the apparatus in terms of its technical features. The intended limitations are therefore not clear from this claim, contrary to the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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Identification of IPEA

Date of receipt of DEMAND

Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Applicant's or agent's file reference
4505/WO/97+International application No.
PCT/IL98/00453International filing date (day/month/year)
17 September 1998
(17.09.98)(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year)
01 October 1997
(01.10.97)

Title of invention

WATER TREATMENT METHOD AND DEVICE

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Box No. IV STATEMENT CONCERNING AMENDMENTS

The applicant wishes the International Preliminary Examining Authority*

- (i) to start the international preliminary examination on the basis of the international application as originally filed.
- (ii) to take into account the amendments under Article 34 of
 - the description (amendments attached).
 - the claims (amendments attached).
 - the drawings (amendments attached).
- (iii) to take into account any amendments of the claims under Article 19 filed with the International Bureau (a copy is attached).
- (iv) to disregard any amendments of the claims made under Article 19 and to consider them as reversed.
- (v) to postpone the start of the international preliminary examination until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless that Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)).

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments to the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby elects all eligible States except.....

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Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following documents for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

1. amendments under Article 34

description : sheets
claims : sheets
drawings : sheets

2. letter accompanying amendments under Article 34

3. copy of amendments under Article 19

4. copy of statement under Article 19

5. other (specify):

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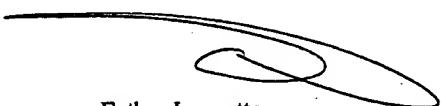
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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. separate signed power of attorney4. fee calculation sheet2. copy of general power of attorney5. other (specify): notification of bank transfer3. statement explaining lack of signature

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE



Esther Luzzatto

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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

3. The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.

The applicant has been informed accordingly.

4. The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.

5. Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
THE FILING OF AMENDMENTS OF THE CLAIMS
 (PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 417)

Date of mailing
 (day/month/year) **22 March 1999 (22.03.99)**

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International filing date
 (day/month/year) **17 September 1998 (17.09.98)**

Applicant
ITZHAK, David et al

1. The applicant is hereby notified that amendments to the claims under Article 19 were received by the International Bureau on

15 March 1999 (15.03.99)

2. This date is within the time limit under Rule 46.1.

Consequently, the international publication of the international application will contain the amended claims according to Rule 48.2(f), (h) and (i).

3. The applicant is reminded that the international application (description, claims and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination under Chapter II, according to Article 34, and in any case, before each of the designated Offices, according to Article 28 and Rule 52, or before each of the elected Offices, according to Article 41 and Rule 78.

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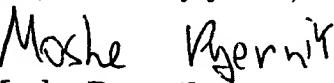
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International Patent Application No. PCT/IL98/00453
Our Ref: 4505/WO/97+

Dear Sirs:

The Applicant hereby submits amendments under Article 19. Enclosed please find new page 16, containing new claim 21. Original claims 1-20 remain unchanged.

Very sincerely yours,


Moshe Pyernik
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21. A method according to claim 1, wherein the treatment is the removal or control of turbidity.

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

Date of mailing (day/month/year)
08 April 1999 (08.04.99)Applicant's or agent's file reference
4505/WO/97+

IMPORTANT NOTICE

International application No. PCT/IL98/00453 International filing date (day/month/year) 17 September 1998 (17.09.98) Priority date (day/month/year) 01 October 1997 (01.10.97)

Applicant
ITZHAK, David et al

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
AU, BR, CN, EP, IL, JP, KP, KR, US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:
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The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 08 April 1999 (08.04.99) under No. WO 99/16715

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 4505/WO/97+	REPLY DUE see paragraph 1 below
International application No. PCT/IL98/00453	International filing date (day/month/year) 17 September 1998 (17.09.98)
Applicant ITZHAK, David	

1. REPLY DUE within _____ months/days from the above date of mailing
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2. COMMUNICATION:

It has been brought to the attention of the International Bureau that, in respect of the above-mentioned international application, the international publication No. WO 99/16715 contained the following mistake: new claim 21 on new page 16, as amended under Article 19 on 15 March 1999 (15.03.99), has been omitted.

A corrected version of the corresponding PCT pamphlet will be published as soon as possible and the International Bureau apologizes for any inconvenience caused.

A copy of this notification has been sent to the receiving Office (RO/IL) and to the elected Offices.

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 22 June 1999 (22.06.99)	
International application No. PCT/IL98/00453	Applicant's or agent's file reference 4505/WO/97+
International filing date (day/month/year) 17 September 1998 (17.09.98)	Priority date (day/month/year) 01 October 1997 (01.10.97)
Applicant ITZHAK, David	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

26 April 1999 (26.04.99)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 4505/W0/97+	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/IL 98/ 00453	International filing date (day/month/year) 17/09/1998	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 01/10/1997
Applicant ITZHAK, David et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box I).
2. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).
3. The international application contains disclosure of a **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing** and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing
 - filed with the international application.
 - furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,
 - but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.
 - Transcribed by this Authority
4. With regard to the **title**,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
 - the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the **abstract**,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
 - the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this International Search Report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is:

Figure No. 1

 - as suggested by the applicant.
 - because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
 - because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A method of treatment of aqueous media comprises applying to the aqueous medium in an electrolytic cell (I) an electrical direct current of a magnitude and at a flow-rate of the liquid in said electrolytic cell such that a combined effect of scale removing and disinfecting is achieved.